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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] JOHN FOSTER DULLES, Sec'y of State, *commenting on U S attitude if European Army treaty is not ratified*: "If the European nations decide to commit suicide, they may have to commit it alone." . . . [2] DEAN ACHESON, former Sec'y of State: "Under our form of gov't, I don't think any Sec'y of State can stay popular with the people very long. After awhile they look upon him as a sort of nuisance." . . . [3] ARTHUR DEAN, U S envoy in Korea, *on Chinese charges of U S perfidy*: "What utter nonsense! What utter bunk! What utter garbage! How silly can you get?" . . . [4] CHAS E WILSON, Sec'y of Defense, *when asked about next yr's military budget*: "I'm still tremendously impressed by the size of a billion dollars. That's why I wouldn't want to give out a figure that might be a billion or two off." . . . [5] FRANK B WOODS, Panama City, Fla, *so far as known, the only person now living who was present*

Quote of the Week

RICHARD M NIXON, V-P of U S, *upon ret'g from a good-will mission around the world*: "Mrs Nixon and I are impressed with the similarities of Asian peoples to those of the U S, rather than by the differences."

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when the Wright bro's made their historic flights at Kitty Hawk, N C. on Dec 17, 1903: "I rode down with Barney Oldfield. It was a bitter cold day with a high wind. We stood around awhile watching the boys. Then I went back to the Coast Guard station to get warm, and missed the third flight. Barney and I agreed the airplane was a novelty, but would never am't to anything." . . . [6] ADLAI E STEVENSON, Democratic leader: "If the Administration is looking for a good crusade, I would recommend a crusade to combat the communist conspiracy without resorting to communist methods to do it."

THIRTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION



Sagacious indeed were our Founding Fathers when they nominated for succeeding generations a right to the pursuit of happiness. There was neither guarantee nor expectation that we should overtake it.

Dean Wm Inge once pointed out that while the material rewards usually make life worth the living, it is the struggle itself that provides the capital prize. "Whatever else we are supposed to do," Rob't Lou's Stevenson believed, "we are not supposed to succeed." According to ancient allegory, the gods, wiser than man, conspired to guide him in the hrs of slumber, so that he journeyed thru time and space forever a day's distance from his goal.

So man plods on, fulfilling his destiny without attaining his destination. If, in this pilgrimage, somewhere and somehow we come to sense the profound truth that more pleasure in pursuit than in

possession lies, then we shall have sipped the compound essence of Wisdom. The gods need do us no further favor. The saturnines can meet us no lasting ill.

A Negro nurse of our acquaintance, whose young charges were confined with a juvenile contagion, had an unvarying formula. Each morning she would say, "You-all chill'en stay in close t'day an' be good. Then, t'morrow—t'morrow Ah 'spec's you can go out an' play."

When the mother of the brood gently chided her lieutenant for this persistent deceit, the nurse rose blandly to defend her position: "Now, Mrs Hunter, 'course Ah tells dem chill'en dat, kase dey needs t' be tole. Dey gittin' mighty fractuous. So Ah keeps 'em livin' on de 'spectament o' t'morrow!"

Most of the world lives most of the time on "de 'spectament o' t'morrow." . . . Ah, yes, with the next effort we shall unfliningly attain perfection in the view of mortals and bring a gangorous cast to the eyes of the gods.

Man, truculently pummeled by his yesterdays, lives hopefully in his tomorrows:

Happy New Year!



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Charles H. Miller of Syracuse



AMERICAN—1

After a tour of the U S, a European was being interviewed on his impressions. The man had seen our skyscrapers, inspected our factories, and visited our natural wonders. But when the reporters asked what had impressed him most, he repl'd simply, "The size of the American garbage can!"—*Sunshine Magazine*.

ATOMIC AGE—2

An atomic age without moral and spiritual values can bring the very destruction of civilization, but coupled with moral and spiritual force science can build new frontiers of advancement. — ALBERT C JACOBS, Trinity College, "Integrity in Education," *North Central Ass'n Q'tly*, 10-'53.

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The menace to civilization consists, not in the discovery of atomic energy and the invention of the bomb, but in the presumed will to use it. It lies in the fact that the generation which has acquired these stupendous powers of destruction is full of fear and suspicion. — SIR WALTER MOBERLY, *The Crisis in The University* (Macmillan).

AVIATION—3

For every plane flying the world's scheduled air routes there are 1,000 air and ground personnel. The world aircraft fleet totals 3,000 planes, and 300,000 people are employed to keep them flying.—WILFRED OWEN, *Air Force*.

BUSINESS—Integrity—4

I have yet to hear of an American business that has endured by shady policies, or by knowingly putting unprincipled men into positions of trust. America just was not built that way.—LAMMOT du PONT, industrialist.

CHILDREN—5

The only time the behavior of your own children seems angelic is when it is contrasted with that of the kids they bring home from school.—*Davenport (Ia) Times*.

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Preference

I'm mighty glad I didn't live When K n i g h t h o o d was in Flower;

I much prefer our modern clothes

(And modern pay per hour.)
—*Industrial Press Service*. 6

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COMMUNISM—Capitalism—7

Despite the fact that Communists have triumphed in China while they have at least been brought to a temporary standstill in the West . . . in the long run the West stands in more serious danger of succumbing totally and irrevocably to Communism or some other brand of totalitarianism than does China. — FRANCIS L K HSU, *Americans and Chinese: Two Ways of Life* (Schuman).

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Perle Mesta is back—and Washington is stunned to find her with a new personality, out-Mermaning Ethel. When Mrs Mesta was here before, reigning over party-giving, she was a good-natured and earthy Mid-Westerner. But she was never one to make a tart remark, or flip a *bon mot*. Now, however, she had reporters roaring with laughter at her 1st press conf. The cocktail circuit is in stitches re-quoting Mesta cracks. Asked if she had a boy friend, Mrs Mesta replied: "I sure do—one in London, one in Paris and another in New Mexico."

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A Washington cab-driver swears this one is true: A woman called a cab. When it arrived, she put her 4 children in the back seat, told the driver to wait in front of the house for a few min's. She came back shortly, took the kids out and asked how much she owed. "Well, where do you want to go?" the driver asked. "No place," she replied. "I wanted to make a long-distance call and needed to get the children out of the house."

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Washington society has bowed to Finnish Ambassador John A Nykoop for introducing the Holiday hors d'oeuvre to top them all—smoked reindeer. Tastes something like dried beef, but has a sweet and nutty flavor.

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DEBT—8

After you contract a debt, it seems to expand—*Banking*.

DEMOCRACY—Communism—9

Whether communism or democracy is chosen (by the Asiatics) will depend not on ideologies but on facts. If the West, which in this context means the Commonwealth and the U S, wants freedom to win, then it must make sure that India offers a more successful model for imitation than China. That will be expensive. . . But it is much cheaper than a series of Koreas.—MAURICE ZINKIN, *Asia and the West* (Institute of Pacific Relations).

DRINK—Drinking—10

Ninety-five per cent of the men in this prison (Jefferson City, Mo) are here because of liquor—but they learned too late.—CARL AUSTIN HALL, *condemned kidnaper of 6-yr-old Bobby Greenlease*.

EDUCATION—11

About 20% of American youths of college age go to college for at least a yr. The highest comparable figure even in other Eng'ish-speaking countries is about 7%.—VERGIL D REED, "The Spread of American Culture," *Think*, 11-'53.

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The greatest virtue of the university is its universality.—DUKE OF EDINBURGH, *Illustrated London News*.

FREEDOM—12

Freedom is important when you don't have it; it should be just as important when you do.—Charles A Day *Report*.

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In a complex society, it is only thru collective action that the individual obtains freedom.—NEA Jnl.

Mining the Magazines



What happens when you set out to translate a famous forgn opera into English? Howard Deitz, in *Dec Theatre Arts* ("New Meaning Without Demeaning") tells the interesting story of the English version of *La Boheme*, which you may have seen in an *Omnibus* television presentation some mo's ago. Dec is, by the way, the special Metropolitan Opera issue of *Theatre Arts*, marking 70th anniv of "the Met."

"There's Fun and Millions in Toys" says Albert Morehead in *Nation's Business* (Dec). From a pre-war volume of \$200 million, toys are on their way toward becoming a billion-dollar industry. Parents, today, spend 4 times as much as a decade ago.

Donald Harrington, in *Saturday Review* reminds us that the Nat'l School Lunch Program is closing its 1st decade. Currently, 10 million American school children are provided a nourishing mid-day meal at nominal cost, thru this widespread fed'l service.

We think of uranium as a mystic metal to be found (if at all) in the remote yonder. But amateur prospectors are finding quite a lot of it, partic'arly in Canada. *Barrow's*, in an article, "Clicking Geigers" (Dec 7) brings us up to date on this essential atomic ingredient.

Cartoon caption by BRATT in current *Flying*: "Interceptor rep'ts blip due north with no flight plan is sleigh and 8 reindeer!"

Editorial in *Dec Safety Maintenance & Production* points out to complacent industrialists that no insurance can possibly cover all costs of an accident. There's always loss of production caused by shattered morale when a group of men see a co-worker injured. The more serious the injury, the greater the loss.

Tape recording, of which you may know next to nothing, has suddenly become a \$100 million industry. And Jos R Hands (president of newly-organized Magnetic Recording Industry Ass'n) forecasts in *Mart* (Dec) that within 2 or 3 yrs consumer use of tape will be on a scale comparable to the current mkt for phonographs in the home.

New industries and activities generate new jnls. Now we're to have *Tape & Film Recording*, edited for hobbyists and business users of tape records.

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New Year Thought

Humanity must continue to follow
the sun around
And accept the eternal run-
around.

Well, and if that be the case, why
come on, humanity!

So long as it is our fate to be
irked all our life let us just keep
our heads up and take our irk-
ing with insouciant urbanity.

—OGDEN NASH, quoted by CLIFTON
FADIMAN, *Holiday*. 13

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Mortal men made New Year's
Day—and have observed it in
times past on September 21, De-
cember 21, March 25, and other
dates. The fact is, January 1 has
been New Year's Day for only two
or three centuries, and the tick of
the clock that bridges one yr and
the next is physically no different
from any other tick.—*Rotarian*. 14

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The special insecurity in which
we now live in an age in which
one civilization is dying and an-
other is powerless to be born is
typical of the insecurity in which
the children of men have always
lived. Each New Yr is an adventure
into which we must, as did
Abraham of old, go out, not know-
ing whither we go. — REINHOLD
NIEBUHR. 15

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The wisdom in this statement of
Abraham Lincoln's might well be
adopted as a credo at this New
Yr: "Having chosen our course
without guile and with pure pur-
pose, let us renew our trust in
God and go forward without fear
and with manly hearts." 16

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GIFTS—Giving—17

If you don't have phi.anthropy
in your heart none will come from
your pocketbook however fat it
may become.—B C FORBES, *Forbes*.

GOD—and Man—18

The record demonstrates that
when God goes out of the people's
gov't, a great vacuum is created
which immediately sucks in a ty-
rant to take the place of God.—
Dean CLARENCE MANION, Chmn,
Inter-Governmental Relations
Commission.

GOVERNMENT—Cost—19

It would take all the wages
earned by 414,333 factory workers
in 40 yrs to meet the current U S
budget of \$73 billion. — *Kroehler
News*, hm, Kroehler Mfg Co.

HARMONY—20

You can play a tune of sorts on
the white keys, and you can play
a tune of sorts on the black keys,
but for harmony you must use
both black and white keys.—VER-
NON BARTLETT, *Struggle for Africa*
(Praeger).

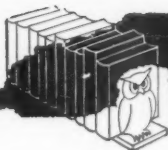
HATRED—21

One of the friendliest men I
know says: "I'm a good hater. I
get over it quickly. You don't
catch me hating by the hr. A
min's long enough."

That advice should be good a
few thousand yrs from now, too.
In any language, and at any time,
it is a sure antidote for the slow
poison of resentment.—Dr PETER J
STEINROHN, *The Doctor Looks at
Life* (Greystone Press).

HUMILITY—22

No person is humble who thinks
he is.—*Banking*.



Book Briefs

One very interested bystander during all the hullabaloo over whether Canadian ex-spy Gouzenko would tell all to the Jenner Committee was the N Y publishing firm which will soon have Gouzenko's book on the mkt.

One of the chronic problems of the publishing business is the matter of getting a refund on advances made to authors, covering books which, for one reason or another, are never written. These squabbles are rather frequent, but rarely publicised. An exception is the case of Random House vs Wolcott Gibbs, drama critic of the *New Yorker*. The publisher has just obtained judgment of \$3,104.16, covering an advance of \$2500 on a proposed novel, plus interest and costs.

You often see references in the papers to the Consumer Price Index issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Few persons know how it is composed and the purposes for which it is used. Now the Bureau has issued a small non-technical book, *A Layman's Guide to the Consumer Price Index*. Price 20 cts. Write Gov't Printing Office, Washington, D C.

Maledictions have descended upon the house of Doubleday, direct from Father Divine, the Negro religious-cult leader. It's a result of the new book by Sara Harris, *Father Divine: Holy Husband*. Miss

Sign observed last wk above a Chicago dime-store book rack: "Santa will Autograph Books Bought Here."

Harris, with Father Divine's permission, lived in one of his "heavens" for some time while gathering mat'l for her book. In his wkly, *The New Day*, Father Divine, displeased by some of the revelations, pronounced a curse upon Doubleday and "all who believe or read" the book. This action, he explains, is in lieu of a \$1 million suit.

Coincident with the launching of the *Nautilus*, our 1st atomic submarine, on Jan 21, Holt will publish *The Atomic Submarine and Admiral Rickover*. The author, Clay Blair, Jr, is Pentagon correspondent for Washington Bureau of *Time*. He has followed Adm Rickover's career closely; detail his efforts to persuade the U S Navy to build the revolutionary craft.

Excerpt from *Esquire Etiquette* (Lippincott): "Knowing how to keep people happy is getting to be almost as important to success as work and talent."

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Swanee River

On this 90th anniv of the death of STEPHEN COLLINS FOSTER (Jan 13, 1864) it is interesting to recall that he gave an undistinguished Southern stream its only claim to fame. Everyone who sees the Swanee River expresses surprise that it could have been the source of a musician's inspiration. It is little more than a ditch, meandering sluggishly thru Florida swamplands. The author's brother, MORRISON FOSTER, tells, in his biography, *My Brother Stephen*, how the name was selected:

One day Stephen came into my office and asked, "What's a good name of two syllables for a Southern river? I want to use it in this new song, *Old Folks at Home*." I asked him how Yazoo would do. "Oh," he said, "that's been used before." I then suggested Pedee. "Oh, pshaw," he replied, "I won't have that."

I took down an atlas from the top of my desk and opened it to a map of the United States. We both looked over it, and my finger stopped at the "Swanee," a little river in Florida, emptying into the Gulf of Mexico. "That's it; that's it exactly," Stephen exclaimed. He wrote the name down and the song was finished, commencing, "Way down upon de Swanee Ribber."

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IDEAS—23

Ignored ideas do not disappear; they linger in the seductive twilight regions of misunderstanding, in the underworld of half-thought. Only then are ideas to be feared. — STANLEY W WOLPERT, "Green Light for Learning," *NEA Jnl*, 12-'53.

LANGUAGE—24

Language is either the incarnation of our thoughts and feelings; or a cloak for their absence. — JACQUES BARZUN, "English As She's Not Taught," *Atlantic*, 12-'53.

MARRIED LIFE—25

A renowned physician, a married woman herself, gives a 2-wk course in Copenhagen on how to take care of sick husbands. The basic rules: continually get new medicines, sympathize with the sick man constantly, never let him know that you doubt that he is quite ill. By the 3rd day he'll be too bored to stay ill. — *Weltbild*, Germany (QUOTE translation).

PERFECTION—26

Perfection is a trifle dull. It is not the least of life's ironies that this, which we all aim at, is better not quite achieved.—W SOMERSET MAUGHAM, *The Summing Up* (Doubleday).

PHILOSOPHY—27

Philosophy is a battle against the bewitchment of our intelligence by the tools of our language. — *Philosophical Investigations* by LUDWIG WITTGENSTEIN, translated by G E M ANSCOMBE (Blackwell, England).

A truly contented man enjoys the scenery along a detour.—CLARKE A SANFORD, *Margaretville* (N Y) News.

Pathways to the Past



Week of
Jan 10-16

Jan 10—1st airplane squadron flight, U S to Honolulu, left San Francisco 20 yrs ago (1934).

Jan 11—1st life ins co in America (Corp'n for Relief of Poor & Distressed Presbyterian Ministers and of the Poor & Distressed Widows and Children of Presbyterian Ministers) org Phila 195 yrs ago (1759). . . 45 yrs ago (1909) U S signed a treaty with Gt Britain regulating boundary waters between Canada and U S.

Jan 12—Edmund Burke, British statesman, b 225 yrs ago (1797). . . 85 yrs ago (1869) Nat'l Conv of Negroes met in Washington, D C; 1st attempt to organize the race on a nat'l basis. . . 35 yrs ago (1919) Peace Conf opened in Paris, designed to conclude War I and bring an accord amongst nations. The "Big 3" of those days: Wilson, Lloyd-George and Clemenceau.

Jan 13—*Festival of St Veronica*. . . 1st legislation authorizing change in U S flag was passed 169 yrs ago (1794). This bill added 2 stripes (alternate red and white) to the original 13, with 2 add'l stars in the blue background, signifying the coming of Vt and Ky to statehood. (It soon became apparent that the addition of stripes for new states was impracticable. A new act of 1818 ret'd the flag to its original 13 stripes; provided that new states be symbolized only by stars.) . . . This is the 100th

anniv of the accordion; pat'd 1854 by Anthony Faas, Phila, Pa. . . 90 yrs ago today (1854) Stephen Collins Foster, author of America's most beloved folk songs, died alone in a N Y hospital.

Jan 14—175 yrs ago today (1779) the Continental Congress issued paper money in various denominations. This was during the Revolutionary inflation. Public opinion of the currency may be judged by an expression that has survived to our day: "Not worth a Continental!". . . 170 yrs ago (1784) Congress ratified a treaty of peace with Gt Britain. . . 1st successful Cesarean operation performed 160 yrs ago (1794) by Dr J Bennett, Edom, Va.

Jan 15—170 yrs ago (1784) Benj Franklin invented bifocal glasses. . . 25 yrs ago (1929) Kellogg-Briand Pact (outlawing war as an instrument of nat'l policy) ok'd by U S Senate.

Jan 16—355th anniv of d of Edmund Spenser, Elizabethan poet (*Faerie Queen*). . . 35 yrs ago the 18th (Prohibition) Amendment ratified by 36th state (Neb) thus becoming law. It went into effect a yr later. . . 10 yrs ago today (1914) Gen Dwight D Eisenhower arrived in England as Supreme Commander of Allied Forces.

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"Of all things!"

Plans are now on the drawing-boards for suburban shopping centers which, in square-footage will approx equal those now in existence. If a substantial part of these projects come to fruition, our suburban-shopping-center area will, in a couple of yrs, be just about double what it is now.

This situation is causing considerable concern amongst thoughtful students of the business scene. True, the decentralization trend has been gaining strength. But it isn't growing *that* rapidly. Fears of over-expansion may be well founded. Shopping centers are largely a development of the inflation yrs. They have yet to meet the test of "normal" times. Even dept store branches in the suburbs have not been fully accepted. "The centers are all right for staples, but the big stores have the bargains."

Already, some of the older centers are confronted with the fruits of hasty action. The strong turn to self-service has made many of them obsolete. Within 5 yrs they will have to be virtually rebuilt. Other centers now find planned parking space wholly inadequate. To the housewife, the great appeal of the suburban center has been that she can drive the family car to the store door. If centers become chronically congested, she may drive on to town.

Also, as the centers multiply they will increasingly *compete with each other* for patronage.

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RELIGION—28

Religion becomes ineffectually vague when it does not apply scientific methods of inquiry and evaluation. — MILTON C KLOETZEL, *Scalacs*.

RUSSIA—America—29

Don't forget that the basic clash (between Russia and the U S) is of ideologies and such issues are settled in men's minds—not on a battlefield.—*Isotopics*.

SAFETY—Safe Driving—30

Drive to arrive alive.—*Co-Operator*.

SEXES—31

It is said that when the average man argues with a woman the final result is: "He came, he saw, he concurred."—*Automotive Dealer News*.

TEMPER—32

It is difficult but well to remember that when you are in the right you can afford to keep your temper. But when you are in the wrong you can't afford to lose it. —*Durez Molder*, hm, *Durez Plastics and Chemicals*.

TIME—Use—33

Gov't employes, about 1,000 of them, were in a meeting I attended. It started promptly at 9 a m. At 10:30 the chairman said: "We shall not be able to discuss all the topics planned, because we are already behind schedule. There just won't be time. We will now stop for a 15-min coffee break."—*WHEELER McMILLEN, Farm Jnl.*

TRIAL & ERROR—34

The only way to avoid mistakes in business is to gain experience; and the only way to gain experience is to make mistakes!—*American Horologist & Jeweler*.

WAR—35

War as is: First you lick 'em, next you feed 'em, and then you finance 'em.—*Highways of Happiness.*

WISDOM—36

It doesn't matter how much money you have, everyone has to buy wisdom on the installment plan.—*Grit.*

WORK—37

Don't wait for the inspired moments; work every day or you may miss them. Little by little you may find that your best work in a sense creates itself, your hands functioning almost without conscious control. You may come to wonder . . . how much is really yours and how much mysteriously part of some universal force. —
WHEELER WILLIAMS.

WORLD RELATIONS—38

History has given the western democracies a breathing spell, during which the free world may redress the balance of power in its favor. If the Western World fails to use this unique opportunity . . . it will face a disaster which will bring all civilization crumbling down to ruin.—ALEXANDER ORLOV. *The Secret History of Stalin's Crimes* (Random House).

WORLD TRADE—39

Contrary to popular opinion, U S tariffs are relatively low. The ratio of custom duties collected to total value of imports was 5.1% in '51. Only 7 countries had lower ratios; those with higher ratios ranged up to 6.3% for Chile.

The U S ratio dropped from 15.9% in '37, a decline of 68%.—*American Tariff League.*

In Brief

Perhaps, like us, you have grown a little weary of those ads headed, "The Secret We Are Not Allowed to Print About ---- Cognac." So we'll give you the low-down: This product, along with several score of other items, has been requisitioned by the British royal household. (It was served at some of the Coronation functions.) Each new regime calls, naturally, for some shifting of tradesmen. Considerable red tape is involved, but eventually the various servitors will be permitted to advertise, "Purveyor to H R H Elizabeth II." The U S representatives of this maker of cognac have jumped the gun for a little advance publicity.

Seems likely the next session of Congress will mend a considerable gap in the civil service retirement law. As matters now stand, there's nothing in the regulations to prohibit payment of Fed'l pensions to employes dismissed as security risks, or even imprisoned for treasonable action. Conceivably, Alger Hiss might be eligible for a Fed'l pension!

Fortune predicts that in another yr 60% of cigaret mkt will belong to king-size brands. Currently about 10% of smokers are turning to brands featuring filters. * Because gifts of bottled liquor may not cross state lines, a new service, Beverage-by-Wire, has been set up, patterned after Florists'-Telegraph-De'ivery.

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Good Stories..... you can use

Mr. and Mrs. Felder were walking down a dark street on their way home from a late movie when they were confronted with a masked hoodlum who stuck a gun in the husband's ribs and demanded, "Your money or your life."

Mrs. Felder realized that her husband loved his money almost more than anything else in the world but she was surprised to see him so hesitant about handing it over in this dangerous situation. Alarmed, she prodded him by saying, "For heaven's sake, give him your wallet, Harry." Reluctantly he did as told. When the robber had gone, she couldn't help asking, "What made you stand there so calmly? When he said, 'Your money or your life,' that guy really meant it."

"Good lord, was that what he said?" exclaimed her now startled spouse. "I thought what he said was 'Your money or your wife.'"—*Wall St Jnl.* a

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A friend, doing research in the Harvard Business School Library, searched thru index cards for that cornerstone of American economy slugged "Corn & Hogs." No dice. Inspired, he looked and found his mat'l under "Maize & Swine."—*N Y Times.* b

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

DAN VALENTINE

A certain doctor in our community is an ardent poker player. Rather consistently he winds up on the losing side. In his more fortunate sessions he has a custom of turning over the small winnings to his wife.

Ret'g from a late session not long ago the Dr assured his wife that he hadn't lost a cent. So, expectantly, she held out her hand for the winnings.

"But I didn't win anything either," came the somewhat sheepish confession. "I was about even until that last pot, when my two pr failed to stand up. Now, I owe Joe a shot of penicillin. Dick gets \$25 worth of x-rays. And I'm going to operate on Bob's varicose veins for nothing!"

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A cowboy boarded an air liner in Montana on a day when gusty mountain winds made flying pretty tough. In spite of the stewardess's numerous requests, he refused to fasten his seat belt. "Young lady," he snorted, "for 30 yrs I've rode everything I ever mounted, and I ain't about to be saddle tied now. Let 'er buck. I'll ride 'er."—*Arkansas Baptist.* c

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Taking a liking to a certain Chicago florist, Al Capone, the gangland czar, commissioned him to prepare and deliver the fancy and expensive wreaths he always sent to hoodlums who had been rubbed out.

Capone insisted his floral offering not only be the most lavish but also the 1st to arrive, a form of camouflage intended to show that the departed was, indeed, a very dear friend.

The florist, in his desire to please, slipped up once—and the wreath arrived before the police had even identified the body!—
IRV KUPCINET, *Chicago Sun-Times*. d

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There is one characteristic of water which is often overlooked. To remain fresh it must be flowing. Stagnant water breeds germs and scum.

An old Southern preacher told of a sour old church mbr, noted for his standpat attitude, who rose in a testimony meeting to tell of his experience.

“Forty yrs ago,” he said, “the Lord filled my cup with the water of life. Since then, not a drop has run in and not a drop has run out.”

A little boy on the front row whispered audibly, “My, I bet there’s a heap of wiggletails in it!”
—*War Cry*. e

INDIAN PROVERB: *Give squaw an inch and you’ll walkum aisle.*—
BETTY JAY ROOD.

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A poll of men waiting on street corners discloses that the latest thing in women’s clothes is women!—S S BIDDLE.

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With Washington taking the shirts off everyone’s back, it’s a lucky thing they’ve got some bureaus to keep them in.—Gilcrafter, hm, Gilbert Paper Co.

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Nothing distributes wealth like taxation and a large family.—
Banking.

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Very often the chip on a person’s shoulder is just bark.—S African Bulletin.

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No matter how fearful a person may be of the future, he hopes he will live to see a lot more of it.—
Reformatory Pillar.

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Confidence is the feeling you have before you know better.—
Pipefuls, hm, State Mutual Life Assurance Co.

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The best way to get a job done is to give it to a busy man. He’ll have his sec’y do it. — Kroehler News, hm, Kroehler Mfg Co.

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One of the standard excuses for police action behind the Iron Curtain is the "unreliability" of the hapless prisoners. From the Hungarian capital of Budapest comes a bitter and illustrative joke.

A Hungarian recruiting officer is examining applicants for service in a parachute battalion. Some are accepted, some are rejected. As one of them is turned away, he asks:

"Why am I not accepted?"

"You're unreliable," replies the officer.

"What do you mean?" the applicant fires back. "Are you afraid I won't open my parachute?"—*Chicago News For'gn Service.*

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There was a British physicist who had worked on the atomic bomb. After the war he taught mathematics to boys. His hobby was cybernetics. "Oh, I know you Americans are way ahead of us," he told me, "but I've built a calculating machine that can do something yours won't do. When I feed data into our machine that it can't handle, it keeps a musical note. And we've learned how to feed it now so that when things get really rough it plays *God Save the King!*" — THEODORE H WHITE, *Fire in the Ashes* (Sloane). f

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Our 3d Ave man stopped in at a bar for a nightcap, just in time to see a middleaged lady enter, clutching 2 handbags. She plunked these down on the bar, ordered a beer, and announced to one and all, "I lost my mother tonight."

"Gee," the bartender said, rearranging his jovial features to convey sympathy, "I'm sorry to hear that."

"Yop," said the lady. "I lost her at a bar. That's why I have 2 pocketbooks."—*New Yorker.* g

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A group of for'gn manufacturers being shown thru an American plant saw a machine that took a piece of sheet steel and in one operation stamped, punched and shaped it into a finished product. After they had watched it for a while, an apparently bitter argument broke out, with much arm-waving and finger-shaking. The guide asked the interpreter accompanying the party what all the shouting was about. "Some of them," said the interpreter, "insist that it can't be done."—*Execs' Digest*, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston. h

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In a debate in the British parliament where a Laborite was defending the medicine program, he was being heckled by well-trained Tories in the gallery. As he expounded the benefits of paternalistic gov't medicine, he boomed: "Why in Britain today we have more bonny babies than ever before. And why . . .?"

Before he could ans'r his rhetorical question, one unrespectful heckler shouted, "Private enterprise."—*Philnews*, hm, Phillips Petroleum Corp'n. i

A newly crowned Hollywood queen who was very sexy and very blonde told a reporter that her real love was a 60-yr-old banker in Wall St. "Every time he phones me to the coast," she purred, "I get chinchillas up and down my spine." — *Louisville Courier-Jnl Mag.* j



Strange Glow

A strange glow in the sky, pursued by policemen in their patrol cars, was found to be the sunrise.
—News item.

Policemen, with their sirens turning,
Speed off to see whatever's burning,
Step on the gas, go faster, faster,
To be the first at the disaster.
Proceeding east, careening badly,
They call for reinforcements madly.
It might (they're summoning all cars)
Be arsonists or men from Mars.
Time was, when people rose at five
And saw the heavens all alive,
Familiar to the point of yawning
With all the fiery hues of dawn-ing.
But now except for milkman, farmer,
The sunrise is a three-alarmer,
And some, when dark of evening stops
And day commences, call the cops.

A midwestern univ was holding entrance exams for a group of former GI's. The atmosphere was tense as they came to the final question: "Name 2 ancient sports." A former sgt, racking his brain, was about to give up in despair. Suddenly, his face wreathed in a knowledgeable smile, he wrote, "Anthony and Cleopatra." — *ETHEL KENYON, American Wkly.* k

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Margery's father told her about our founding fathers. Finally, he concluded, "They set foot on a dry and barren rock. And what do you think was the 1st thing they did?"

"Looked for an apartment," promptly ans'd Margery. — *Dixie Roto Mag.* l

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The new dishwasher didn't work well and the housewife called the co that installed it. An inspector came out, looked things over and said: "Well, the trouble is that it's connected to the cold water instead of the hot." He called the plumber. The plumber was pretty grumpy at the idea he should be blamed. "Sure," he said, "I know the hot water is on the left—but I was working on the pipes from the other side." — *Omaha World-Herald.* m

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"How much longer," the small boy inquired plaintively, "will I have to eat spinach to be able to lick anybody who tries to make me eat spinach?" — *American Girl.* n

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Quote-ettes

MICHAEL LEE STEVENS, West Newbury, Mass, *impelled by something less than a glowing Holiday spirit*: "I'm going to advertise my house for sale. I don't care to whom I sell it, as long as the person is someone obnoxious. I hate this town."

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JAS A GRIFFITH, Chicago ex-convict, *asking that he be sent to prison over the holidays*: "I want to be taken off the streets, because I have an irresistible temptation to rob mail boxes. At this Christmas season many people will be getting checks in the mail that they need."

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SECOND CLASS MATTER

News of the **NEW**

Another traction device to help cars pull free of snow and mud was revealed by the newly formed Snudhook Corp'n.

Usable only on cars with size 6.70 tires, such as Fords, Chevrolets, Plymouths and other lighter autos, it consists of a curved metal forging that encircles the tire and clamps to outer part of rim.

Main feature of device is that it can be locked in place on the outside of the wheel—which means

there's no need for reaching under the car. The motorist slips one end of the hook-shaped gripper into the rim slot of car's rear wheel and flips the hinged, curved lug around the tire. It locks into place automatically.

Called Snudhooks, the devices sell for \$6.95 a pr. Company is now selling them by mail order, but hopes soon to make them available thru filling stations and auto stores. (*Wall St Jnl*, 44 Broad St, N Y C).

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